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TO : Office of the General Counsel  
ATTN :   
FROM : Deputy Chief, Finance Division

DATE: 20 January 1955

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SUBJECT: Collection of Account - 

1. Finance Division is attempting collection of an outstanding balance due from subject in the amount of \$685.92. Subject was a Military Detail Agent, returned to military duty in January 1954, and is presently on duty at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama.

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2. The amount due from subject resulted from an over-settlement made at Headquarters at the time of  termination of duty with the Agency.

3. Correspondence was initiated in August 1954, in which we gave detailed explanation of the circumstances. After two attempts at written explanation it now appears that further correspondence will only tend to further complicate an already difficult problem.

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4. Subject has suggested that he be brought to Headquarters on a TDY basis to examine the evidence. We feel that a fact-to-face explanation will give satisfactory results and we have full documentation of the case ready to present to  It is believed that one day would be sufficient time in which to make our explanations and answer subject's questions.

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5. It is proposed that the Agency request  presence here for consultation, through appropriate military channels, and that the expenses of his travel be borne by the Agency.

6. It is requested that you consider our proposed action and forward your recommendations. The Finance Division file regarding this case is forwarded herewith for your information.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Claims Board

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SUBJECT : Claim for Loss of Personal Property - [REDACTED]

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2. In our opinion the CIA Claims Board may honor claims of its employees for loss of personal property in circumstances where the employee is prevented from pursuing his normal avenues of relief by reason of security considerations arising from his employment by the Agency. We know of no theory, however, under which the Government may be held to be an insurer against loss to a Federal employee resulting from a normal hazard in which there appears to be no negligence on the part of the Government or special circumstances which might call for legislative relief. We see no legal theory on which the Claims Board could approve this claim. The matter could be subject to reconsideration if additional evidence were presented.

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Deputy General Counsel

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